



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Fort Worth District

Regional and State Program General Permits and Letter of Permission Procedures in the Fort Worth District

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Regional General Permits:

Utility Lines and Intake and Outfall Structures

General Permit Number: CESWF-99-RGP-2
Authority: Section 10/404

Issued: pending
Expires: NA

Description: Authorizes discharges for the backfill and bedding of utility lines and the construction of intake and outfall structures, provided there would be no more than minimal adverse impact to the aquatic environment. Mechanized land clearing necessary to construct a utility line may be authorized. Minor changes in preconstruction contours and drainage patterns may be authorized. At any authorized intake structure, the maximum allowable mesh size of the protective screen is 0.25 inch and the maximum allowable water velocity at the screen is 0.5 feet per second. This permit requires that an applicant notify the Regulatory Branch, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

Aerial Utility Line and Cable Crossings

General Permit Number: CESWF-96-RGP-6
Authority: Section 10/404

Issued: September 26, 1996
Expires: September 25, 2001

Description: Authorizes aerial utility line and cable crossings of navigable waters of the United States and discharges associated with the construction of aerial utility lines and cables and their rights-of-way. Authorized discharges may include the construction of tower or pole supports; pipeline abutments, supports, and columns; access roads; and minor land leveling. This permit requires that an applicant notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

Boat Ramps and Minor Facilities

General Permit Number: CESWF-96-RGP-8
Authority: Section 10/404

Issued: September 11, 1996
Expires: September 10, 2001

Description: Authorizes the construction and maintenance of boat ramps, docks, boathouses, fishing piers, walkways, boat stalls, boat slips, ski jumps, underwater fish attractors, and appurtenant structures such as shoreline walls, mooring devices, and stairways located within 50 feet of a ramp or minor facility. Authorized structures may not extend into a waterbody more than 1/5 of the total width of the waterbody or exceed 50 feet in length, whichever is less, perpendicular to the bank. Boat docks, boathouses, fishing piers, and walkways are limited to pile-supported or floating structures. Boat slips and boat stalls may not exceed 50 feet in width. No more than 50 cubic yards of material

may be dredged and no more than 50 cubic yards of material may be placed below the ordinary high water mark for constructing appurtenant structures. In addition, no more than 500 cubic yards of material may be dredged from or placed into waters of the United States for construction boat ramps. Placing material into waters of the United States for fish attractors is limited to an area of 0.5 acre at any one location. This permit requires that an applicant, in certain situations, notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

Exploration and Production Wells

General Permit Number: CESWF-95-RGP-11
Authority: Section 10/404

Issued: March 11, 1996
Expires: March 10, 2001

Description: Authorizes the construction and operation of oil, gas, and water wells and their supporting structures, including drilling pads, reserve and mud pits, access roads, dikes, levees, and production facilities. The area of waters of the United States impacted by authorized activities is limited to 2.5 acres, not including the area used for access roads and production facilities. Clearing for access roads may not exceed 40 feet and turnarounds may not be placed closer than one mile apart or be larger than 90 feet in diameter. Access roads must be suitably culverted. Within 90 days of the termination of drilling, a thorough cleanup operation must be implemented that includes filling all pits, removing unneeded portions of the drilling pad, and restoring preconstruction contours and vegetation. Upon completion of production, the remainder of the well site must be similarly restored. This permit requires that an applicant notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

State Program General Permits:

Activities Authorized by Lower Colorado River Authority Lakewide Permits

General Permit Number: CESWF-98-SPGP-2
Authority: Section 404

Issued: May 5, 1998
Expires: May 4, 2003

Description: Authorizes discharges into waters of the United States, excluding wetlands, associated with activities specifically authorized by a Lower Colorado River Authority lakewide permit during planned lake drawdowns or when the water surface elevation of the lake is at least five feet below its full elevation. Authorized activities include dredging up to 500 cubic yards of material to maintain access, use, and navigability of lake waters, removing debris from around boat docks and retaining walls, and repairing retaining walls and bulkheads. This permit requires that an applicant notify the Lower Colorado River Authority prior to initiating the work and, in certain situations, notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

Letter of Permission Procedures:

Activities at Certain Reservoirs and Federal and State Sponsored Projects

Permit Number: CESWF-97-LOP-1
Authority: Section 404

Issued: October 6, 1998
Expires: NA

Description: Establishes a procedure for authorizing by letter of permission activities at USACE, Bureau of Reclamation, state river authority, regional water district, city, county, and utility reservoirs, including, but not limited to, bank stabilization, beach nourishment, property protection, and sediment removal. In addition, work that may be authorized through this letter of permission procedure includes projects conducted, sponsored, or funded, in whole or in part, by the USACE, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, or Texas Water Development Board. Activities conducted by these entities that may be authorized by letter of permission include those associated with the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (as amended), Section 1135 Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners for Wildlife, and Wetlands Reserve Program. In addition, activities conducted at national wildlife refuges, state wildlife management areas, and state parks may be eligible for authorization under the LOP-1 procedure. This procedure requires that an applicant notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.

Excavation Activities

Permit Number: CESWF-95-LOP-2
Authority: Section 404

Issued: July 7, 1995
Expires: NA

Description: Establishes a procedure for authorizing by letter of permission the discharge of dredged or fill material associated with excavation activities in all waters of the United States, including the removal of accumulated sediment at road crossings; excavating and/or maintaining boat slips, boat channels, and intake and outfall structures; mining sand and gravel; and work associated with these activities, such as construction of temporary coffer dams. This procedure may be used to authorize the disposal of excavated material in waters of the United States provided the purpose of the disposal is not land reclamation. Work that would have a substantial adverse impact on the aquatic environment or cause a substantial reduction in the reach of waters of the United States may not be authorized by LOP under this procedure. This procedure requires that an applicant notify the USACE and receive written USACE approval prior to initiating the work.